IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of: Mitsuo WATANABE et al.

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This paper is submitted in response The Official Action dated June 21, 2002. In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-10; Group (II), Claims 11-17; and Group (III), Claims 18-24.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group (II)**, **Claims 11-17** for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse; Applicants note that lack of unity of invention was not raised during the international stage of the application. It is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully Submitted,

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